

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office restricts the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I        Claims 1, 9, drawn to an anode comprising an anode active material layer being disposed on the anode current collector and being alloyed with the anode current in at least a portion of an interface with the anode current collector; and

Group II        Claims 2-8, 10 and 19, drawing to an anode comprising an anode active material layer being formed on the anode current collector through at least one method selected from the groups consisting of a vapor deposition method, a liquid phase deposition method and a sintering method.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II    Claims    2-8,    10    and    19, drawing to an anode comprising an anode active material layer being formed on the anode current collector through at least one method selected from the groups consisting of a vapor deposition method, a liquid phase deposition method and a sintering method.


Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that an examination on the merits of this case be conducted in due course.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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